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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice.

Please amend the specification at page 5, line 19 by deleting after the word "residues" the phrase "bound to solid phase".

Please amend Claim 3 at subparagraph (a) following the words "mimics of amino acid residues" by deleting -- "bound to solid phase"-- and rewriting the claim (MPEP §714.22) as follows: